

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the administrators and staff on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Office of State Assessed Properties.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing a governmental agency that is vital to the growth and prosperity of this State's cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Assessed Properties was established in February 1967, as part of the Tennessee Public Service Commission to fairly and efficiently value railroad and utility properties in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, when the Tennessee Public Service Commission was dissolved in June 1996, the Office of State Assessed Properties was the only one of its divisions to be relocated to the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, since July 1996, the Office of State Assessed Properties has been a key division within the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury and is vital to the success of fulfilling the Comptroller's mission of making government work better; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Assessed Properties conducts annual appraisals, assessments, and audits of public utility and transportation properties; these assessments are then certified to counties, cities, and other taxing jurisdictions for billing and collection of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Assessed Properties is also responsible for administering the Telecommunications Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Assessed Properties' staff members work with all ninety-five county assessors and trustees; each year, the work this office performs provides hundreds of millions in property tax revenue to cities and counties across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, over the last fifty years, the Office of State Assessed Properties has prospered under the leadership of Tom Fleming, Barry Murphy, and Gary Harris; and

WHEREAS, the professional staff members of the Office of State Assessed Properties are likewise committed to serving Tennessee to their fullest capacity and making a difference; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that on the occasion of the office's fiftieth anniversary, we honor and recognize the contributions of the Office of State Assessed Properties and its administrators and staff in making Tennessee government work better and wish these dedicated professionals all the best as they continue to serve the citizens of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.